

**Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)
2007 Annual Meeting – January 17-18, 2007**
Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport
(formerly Days Hotel and Conference Center)
2200 Centerville Rd., Herndon, VA 20170

ACWI Annual Meeting – Day One, Wednesday, January 17, 2007

- 7:30 a.m. Check In and Refreshments
- 8:30 a.m. **Open the Meeting and Introductions**
Robert Hirsch, U.S. Geological Survey,
Associate Director for Water
and ACWI Alternate Chair
- 8:45 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**
Mark Myers, U.S. Geological Survey,
Director
- 9:00 a.m. **Introductions Around the Room**
ACWI Members and Guests
- 9:15 a.m. **Guest Speaker**
Robin O'Malley, The John Heinz 111 Center
for Science, Economics and the Environment
Filling the Gaps...for National Reporting on Ecosystem Condition
See the following web site for more information:
<http://www.heinzctr.org/index.shtml>
- 9:45 a.m. ACWI Report: ***The National Water Quality Monitoring Council***
➤ 9:45 am – Overview
Charles Spooner, USEPA Council Co-Chair
 - Reorganization of Council Work Groups**ACTION:** ACWI Concurrence on Work Group Reorganization

➤ 9:55 am - Remarks on the Network for U.S. Coastal Waters and their
Tributaries
Daniel Walker, Office of Science and Technology Policy

- 10:05 am – Next Phase of the Network
Gail Mallard, USGS Co-Chair
- Phase II: Pilot Studies
 - Announcement for Pilot Studies
 - Selection Criteria for Pilot Studies
- 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. **ACTION:** Discussion of ACWI/Council Role in Pilot Phase
ACTION: ACWI Input on Criteria for Pilots
- 11:00 a.m. **Review of Interim Meeting Actions**
Toni Johnson, U.S. Geological Survey
Chief, Water Information Coordination Program
and ACWI Executive Secretary
- 11:15 a.m. ACWI Report: **Subcommittee on Hydrology**
- 11:15 am - *SOH Overview*
S. Samuel Lin, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Chair
 - 11:25 am – *Hydrologic Frequency and Analysis Work Group*
Will Thomas, Assoc. of State Flood Plain Managers, Chair
 - 11:35 am - *Update on GOES/DCS*, from the Satellite Telemetry
Interagency Working Group, Ernest Dreyer, USGS
 - 11:50 am - *NOAA Response on the GOES/DCS*
Charlie Bryant, NOAA/NESDIS
- 12:05 p.m. **ACTION:** ACWI Discussion and Response
- 12:15 p.m. **LUNCH**
Move into the lunch room and be seated
- 12:35 p.m. **Guest Speaker: Fred Tutman, Patuxent Riverkeeper**
See the following web sites for more information:
<http://www.paxriverkeeper.org/main/home.html>
<http://www.waterkeeper.org/>
- 1:05 p.m. Questions and Discussion with Dessert
- 1:20 p.m. Return to the main meeting room

- 1:30 p.m. ACWI Report: **NWQMC National Monitoring Conferences**
➤ Success of 2006 Conference
➤ Plans for 2008 Conference
Charles Spooner USEPA, and Eric Vowinkel USGS,
Conference Co-Chairs
- 2:00 p.m. Agency Updates: **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency**
Overview of EPA's National Surveys, Susan Holdsworth
- 2:30 p.m. Agency Updates: **USGS Cooperative Water Program**
Ward Staubitz, USGS
➤ *USGS Response to ACWI on 2004 Coop Report*
➤ *Continued Stakeholder Meetings*
➤ *Update on Streamgaging*
- 3:00 p.m. **Public Comment Period** under the
Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)
Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary
➤ Scott Slaughter, Center for Regulatory Effectiveness
- 3:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:30 p.m. ACWI Report: **Subcommittee on Sedimentation**
Jerry Bernard, USDA/NRCS
- 3:50 p.m. **ACTIONS TBD**
- 4:00 p.m. **Announcements from Members**
(e.g., Conferences, Publications)
- 4:15 p.m. Review of ACWI Actions from Day One
Overview of Agenda for Day Two
Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn Day One

ACWI Annual Meeting – Day Two, Thursday, January 18, 2007

- 7:30 a.m. Check In and Refreshments
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome New Participants**
Review Day 2 Agenda
Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary
- 8:40 a.m. **ACWI Membership Renewal Process**
Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary
- 8:50 a.m. **ACTION:** ACWI Membership Response and Discussion
- 9:00 a.m. ACWI Report: **Proposed Subcommittee on Ground Water**
Robert Schreiber, ASCE and William Cunningham, USGS Co-Chairs
➤ *Revised Terms of Reference for a Subcommittee on Ground Water*
➤ *Highlights of Draft Work Plan*
➤ *Request for Volunteers for Subcommittee and Work Groups*
- 9:45 a.m. **ACTION:** ACWI approval of TOR to form the SOGW
- 10:00 a.m. ACWI Report: **Subcommittee on Spatial Water Data**
➤ 10:00 am – *SSWD Overview*
Bob Pierce, USGS Co-Chair
➤ 10:15 am – *Watershed Boundary Dataset*
Katherine Lins, USGS, WBD Steering Committee
- 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. **Guest Speaker**
Jon Duncan, Consortium of Universities for the
Advancement of Hydrologic Science (CUAHSI)
See the following web site for more information:
<http://www.cuahsi.org/>
- 11:15 p.m. ACWI Report: **Methods and Data Comparability Board**
Eric Vowinkel, USGS Co-Chair
➤ Overview
➤ Update on the National Environmental Methods Index
➤ Water Quality Data Elements – Physical Habitat
➤ Contributions to the National Monitoring Network

11:45 p.m.

ACTION: TBD

12:00 noon

LUNCH

Move into the lunch room and be seated

12:30 p.m.

Subgroup Topical Round Tables

[Tables seating 10 each with discussion leader]

[Note: Possible Topics, to be refined]

1. SOGW: Ground Water Work Plan
2. NWQMC: National Monitoring Network Pilot Criteria
3. SWRR and/or Heinz Center: Sustainability Indicators
4. SSWD: Watershed Boundaries
5. MDCB: Physical Habitat Elements

1:30 p.m.

Return to main meeting room

1:45 p.m.

ACWI Report: **Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable**

Rick Swanson, USFS and Robert Goldstein, EPRI Co-Chairs with
Ethan T. Smith, SWRR Coordinator

- Overview of SWRR Activities
- Recent Sessions on Sustainability
- Future Meetings and Plans

2:15 p.m.

ACTION: TBD

2:30 p.m.

Review of ACWI 2007 Action Items

ACWI 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

ACWI 10-year Anniversary Celebration

Toni Johnson, ACWI Executive Secretary

3:00 p.m.

ADJOURN ACWI 2007 Annual Meeting